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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Communication
 WC Docket No. 12-375; Inmate Calling Services**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

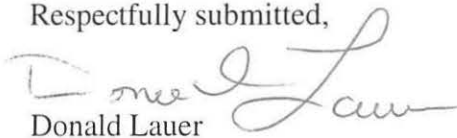
The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office supports the comments and reply comments filed by the National Sheriffs' Association in this proceeding. The purpose of this filing is to submit additional information specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs if ICS services are to continue to be widely available in jails.

Inmate calling is a discretionary service in our jail, and it is allowed for the benefit of inmates and their families. Currently, we have the incentive to allow significant access to ICS service and inmates are able to make calls 17 hours per day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not cover our costs, will have the effect of reducing the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

Accordingly, Sheriffs incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails, and Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs to be able to continue to allow ICS and to encourage the deployment of ICS in jails.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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